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SUBJ: MORE RELEASED KMT MEN TO DEPART THE PRC

1. IN KEEPING WITH PEKING'S CURRENT PEACEFUL OFFENSIVE VIS-A-VIS TAIWAN, NCNA (JANUARY 29) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT YET ANOTHER GROUP OF FORMER KMT PERSONNEL WILL BE DEPARTING CHINA VIA BOAT FROM FUKIEN PROVINCE FOR TAIWAN AND REUNION WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THE NEWS RELEASE GAVE NO DEPARTURE DATE AND STATED ONLY THAT THE SIX MEN WILL BE LEAVING "DURING SPRING FESTIVAL" (I.E. JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 2).

2. THE MOST NOTEWORTHY FEATURE OF THIS, THE THIRD GROUP OF FORMERLY IMPRISONED KMT OFFICIALS TO DEPART THE PRC FOR TAIWAN, IS ITS COMPOSITION. THE GROUP IS COMPRISED OF THREE MEN FROM THE GROUP OF "US CHIANG ARMED AGENTS AND CREW" RELEASED IN SEPTEMBER AND  
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THREE FROM THE DECEMBER RELEASE OF "KMT MEN AT OR ABOVE

COUNTY OR REGIMENTAL LEVEL." WITH THIS GROUP PEKING APPEARS TO BE MAKING A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO GAIN GRC ACCEPTANCE FOR ITS RELEASEES RATHER THAN MERELY SCORE MORE PROPAGANDA POINTS AGAINST TAIWAN OFFICIALS. THUS FAR, GRC AUTHORITIES HAVE ONLY ACCEPTED THOSE PRC RELEASEES WHO HAVE (A) BEEN DISPATCHED FROM TAIWAN BY GRC OFFICIALS, (B) BEEN LINKED TO CHIANG CHING-KUO'S DIRECTION OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, AND (C) REACHED TAIWAN VIA BOAT. THUS, THE MEN'S MODE OF TRAVEL AND THE INCLUSION OF KMT PERSONNEL WHO PRESUMABLY REMAINED BEHIND AFTER THE NATIONALISTS' DEPARTURE FOR TAIWAN SEEMS DESIGNED TO RENDER MORE DIFFICULT ANY GRC REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE MEN.

3. LOCAL NEWS REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT ANOTHER GROUP OF THREE FORMER KMT OFFICIALS WILL BE ENTERING HONG KONG FROM THE PRC TODAY. HOWEVER, INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEN'S FUTURE PLANS IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.  
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